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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 1, 2006, the applicants elect invention I, claims 1-8, substrate treating apparatus.

Applicants further elect the species of claim 2.

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